Judge's Censure Angers Counsel

EDMONTON (CP) — Abe Miller withdrew yesterday as legal counsel for the city as the Porter commission wound up 2½ weeks of investigation into charges of civic maladministration.

The commission adjourned to April 13.

Mr. Justice M. M. Porter, who is conducting the inquiry, said Tuesday Mr. Miller was being professionally wrong in representing the city after serving at one time as solicitor for a former lands department official, Norman A. Rault, who admitted taking money from persons seeking land.

"No man can serve two masters," Mr. Justice Porter added.

Mr. Miller asked that the matter be referred to the Alberta Law Society for investigation because "I will not stand for my reputation being brought into question in the manner in which it was without it being thoroughly and completely investigated."

Mr. Justice Porter agreed the matter should be turned over to the law society but for consideration, not investigation.

Rault said Tuesday he had taken $1,300 from persons in connection with land transactions.

Mr. Miller a Liberal MLA and former alderman—was retained by Mr. Rault last fall when Mayor William Hawrelak was investigating charges that the city land development director had been bribed.

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Leaves Probe Under Protest

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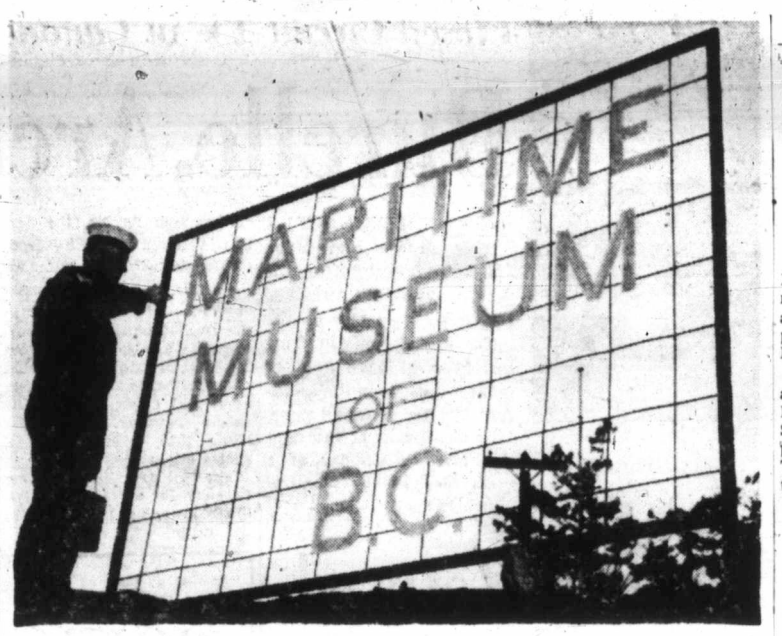
The International Labor Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations, retains its autonomy established in 1919.

Extra Dime Took Time

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) —The Kentucky Fair has received an unsigned postcard with a dime taped to it, saying:

"This 10 cents is for use of pay toilet during Shrine Circus when I had no change."



Bigger Museum Opens Today

Bright, new sign marks the enlarged and improved Maritime Museum of British Columbia, on Signal Hill, Esquimalt Road, which re-opens to the public at 9.30 a.m. today. Finishing touches are put on the sign by AB Fred McFadden. Museum rooms have been refurbished, exhibits rearranged for better presentation and a second building is now in use. Museum will be open from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Monday and Tuesday.—(RCN photo)

Negroes Combine In New Party

DAKAR, Senegal (UPI)—Negro leaders from five autonomous African states formed a political party yesterday to push plans for a federation of French West Africa.

The territories represented at the founding of the African Federation Party (PFA) were Senegal, Niger, Dahimey, Upper Volta and French Sudan. They want to form a federation called "Mali."

The PFA is regarded as a threat to the influence of France's Minister of State Felix Houphouet-Boigny, who has been for some time the dominant figure in French West African politics.

Two recent events demonstrate the strength of pro-Mali sentiment — the landslide victory of Premier Mamadou Dia's pro-federation UPS party in Senegal's Sunday election, and the way women here snapped up more than 35 miles of dress goods bearing federation slogans when it went on sale recently.

Dia's 85-per-cent majority made Leopold Senghor, UPS spokesman at the meeting which organized the PFA, a leading force in the federation movement.

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28 Arrested, 18 Jailed In Nyasaland

BLANTYRE, Nyasaland (Reuters)—Police and troops arrested 28 more Africans in Nyasaland yesterday and jail sentences were passed on 18 others.

Twenty-one Africans were arrested in dawn swoops on three villages. One of the Africans held was the secretary of a branch of the banned African National Congress.

At Fort Manning, 18 Africans were jailed for one year each for rioting. Another was fined for carrying an offensive weapon.

Fishermen's Union Votes Against Supporting CCF

VANCOUVER (CP) — The independent United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union yesterday voted against supporting the CCF in the next provincial election.

Instead it went on record as favoring a broadly based "people's political party" which would include the Labor-Progressive (Communist) Party, farmers, CCF and all Canadian Labor Congress unions, because "it feels that if we are going to achieve unity it is not going to be on the basis of supporting one political party."

A clash between the Fishermen's Union and the Native Brotherhood of B.C. has come into the open.

The Brotherhood claims the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union (Ind.) has been raiding its ranks while the Fishermen claim the Brotherhood leaders are trying to stop Indians from joining the union.

Cameron Defends Unions

VANCOUVER (CP)—Colin Cameron, former CCF member of Parliament for Nanaimo, said Wednesday steadily increasing unemployment constitutes a threat to trade-union strength and that the unions will be blamed unfairly and unjustifiably for inflation and unemployment.

Mr. Cameron said that "increasing numbers left behind in the price spiral" will blame unions and encourage governments to attack labor.

He also suggested unions agree to a measure of wage control provided government will curb prices and increase taxes on corporations and high incomes.

Mr. Cameron was repeating remarks made last Sunday to CCF open forum here.

The Canadian Press erroneously reported last Monday that Mr. Cameron had said labor unions are largely responsible for their own precarious condition today.

Appraisers Pick Officers

George Townsend of the veterans' affairs department was elected chairman of the Victoria chapter of the Appraisal Institute of Canada at the annual meeting.

Others elected were David Borthwick, provincial government, vice-chairman; George Burrell, DVA, secretary; William Riddell, provincial government, and William Craven, Saanich municipality, executive members.

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